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SUBJECT: FINAL GENEVA GROUP MEETING OF 1974: ASSESS-
MENT OF 18TH GC REACTIONS

1. THE DECEMBER 16 MEETING OF UNESCO'S GENEVA GROUP --
THE LAST UNDER US CHAIRMANSHIP WHICH WILL BE ASSUMED
BY THE UK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975 -- FOCUSED LARGELY ON
BUDGETARY QUESTIONS, RESPECTIVE HOME GOVERNMENTS' AND
LEGISLATURES' REACTIONS TO THE UNESCO 18TH GENERAL
ACTIONS ON ISRAEL AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE GENEVA
MEETING OF OTHER UN AGENCIES GROUPS IN FEBRUARY.

2. THE PERMREP BRIEFED GROUP MEMBERS -- MINUS THE SWISS
AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE UNABLE TO
ATTEND -- ON THE US CONGRESSIONAL PROPOSALS RE-
GARDING THE US CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO NOW AWAITING FINAL
DECISION BY THE SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. NONE
OF THE GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT REPORTED FORMAL INITIATIVES
ON THE GOVERNMENTAL-LEGISLATURE LEVEL FOR PUNITIVE BUD-
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GETARY ACTION AGAINST UNESCO. HOWEVER THE UK REPORTED

THAT THEIR MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT -- THE
MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR UNESCO MATTERS AND PAYMENT OF
THE UK CONTRIBUTION -- WILL RESPOND IN COMMONS DEC. 18
TO THE REQUESTS MADE BY FOUR MP'S ON AN EXPLANATION ON
WHAT BUDGETARY ACTION MIGHT BE ENVISAGED BY HMG. THE UK
DEPUTY PERMREP TOLD DELOFF THAT THE MINISTER HAD
BEEN ADVISED TO RESPOND BY HER SUBORDINATES THAT THE UK
WOULD NOT REDUCE ITS CONTRIBUTION, IN KEEPING WITH UK
MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS.

3. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR (VAN USSEL) ADVISED GROUP HE
WAS TOLD BY M'BOW LAST WEEK THAT IN CONTACTS WITH KING
HASSAN II, MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH AND
PRESIDENT SENGHOR M'BOW WAS PROMISED THEIR SUPPORT FOR
EFFORTS TO "MODERATE" GENERAL CONFERENCE DECISION RE
ISRAEL, NOTABLY INCLUDING JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS SANCTION.
HOWEVER PRE-CONDITION SET BY HASSAN II AND MOKTAR WAS
HALTING OF EXCAVATIONS. PERMDEL VIEWS THIS QUALIFIER
AS INDICATIVE OF CONTINUING ARAB-MOSLEM INSISTENCE ON
CONCILIATORY GOI GESTURE, AS WELL AS OF CONTINUING
EFFORTS BY M'BOW TO DEFUSE GENERAL CONFERENCE DECISIONS.

4. RE DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW'S DECEMBER 12 REMARKS ON
THE ORGANIZATION'S NEED FOR PAYMENT OF MEMBER STATE CON-
TRIBUTIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN 1975 IN ORDER TO AVOID
RESORT TO HIGH-INTEREST COMMERCIAL LOANS, THE FRG PERM-
REP STATED THE FRG'S VIEW THAT LATE-PAYING MEMBER STATES
SHOULD BE CHARGED THE INTEREST PAYMENTS LEVIED ON UNESCO
BY SUCH LOANS AS A RESULT OF THEIR TARDINESS. PERMDEL
DRAWS DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THIS POSITION WHICH FRG

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PERMREP SAID HIS FINANCE MINISTRY HAS TAKEN QUITE
FIRMLY.

5. ON SUBJECT OF UN-WIDE GENEVA GROUP'S MEETING IN
GENEVA, UK PERMREP SAID THEY INFORMED DISCUSSIONS OF
GROUP IN GENEVA HAD TOUCHED ON STUDIES OF UN INTER-
AGENCY COORDINATION AND AGENCIES COORDINATION WITH
ECOSOC. IN UNESCO CONTEXT, UK SUGGESTED ON VERY TENTA-
TIVE BASIS THAT GROUP HERE MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER
MORE ACTIVE, UNITED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FUNCTIONING OF
UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL CONFERENCE WITH A
VIEW TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS THAT FLAWED THE RECENT
GENERAL CONFERENCE.

6. SWISS PERMREP, WHO UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING,
WILL DRAFT REPORT OF UNESCO GROUP FOR PRESENTATION AT
GENEVA MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

7. CANADIAN AMB. UNESCO SHOWED PERMREP COPY OF UN-
CLASSIFIED CABLE SUMMARIZING ANSWERS IN PARLIAMENT TO
QUESTIONS ABOUT UNESCO. ACTING PRIME MIN. SHARP
STATED THAT GOV. CANADA DEPLORED POLITIZATION OF UNESCO
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BUT NOT CONTEMPLATING WITHHOLDING ANY PART OF CANADIAN
CONTRIBUTION. FURTHER STATED THAT GOV. CANADA UNDER-
STANDS NEW DG ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO DEPOLITIZATION
IN THE ORGANIZATION, "A DEVELOPMENT WE WELCOME."
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